

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (a) There is a foot path.

(b) Half a mile.

(c) Yes.

(d) There is a small bridge and this is passable for foot passengers.

(e) No, beyond what can be done from the small maintenance grant of Rs. 15.

Auction sale in the Forest Department.

178. ***MR. K. T. THOMAS (Tiruvalla) :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of auctions conducted by the sale officer in the Forest Department, with the amount and average rates realised at such sales?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (Secretary to Government) :

Number of sales conducted 37.

Amount of sale. Bh. Rs. 1,21,662-15-2.

Average rate. The labour involved in preparing a statement furnishing the information is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know from the honourable member how the average compares with the amounts realised by the respective Division Forest Offices?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : No average has been struck, but the sale prices are generally higher.

The Pulianthuruthu Kuthakappattam Tenure.

179. ***MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (Kunnatnad cum Parur) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have received representations from the people of Puthenvelikkara pakuthi in Parur taluk regarding certain tenure of land called *Pulianthuruthu Kuthakappattam*; and

(b) whether they have taken any steps to redress the grievance of the holders of these *Kuthakappattam* lands?

MR. K. GEORGE (Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner) :

(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under enquiry.

Agricultural Farm in Alleppey.

180. ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP :** With regard to the Agricultural Farm in, Alleppey, will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) when it was first established ;

(b) the total expenditure hitherto incurred

(c) the average annual income from, and the expenditure for the same ; and

(d) the object with which the Farm was originally established?